

Appl. No. 09/943,005  
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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 7. This sheet, which includes only Fig. 7, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 7. In Figure 7, previously omitted reference numerals 301, 313, 335, 339, and 341 and associated lead lines have been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-119 have been canceled.

Claims 120-138 have been added to more clearly define the present invention.


Claims 120-132 are directed to a method of path restoration wherein a second label switched path is provided as an alternative to a first label switched path carrying one or more data flows. Claims 134-138 are directed to a router having an associating means for associating a second label switched path with a first label switched path so as to identify the second label switched path as an alternative path for the first label switched path.

These features are not contemplated or even suggested by the cited references Raj et al. (US PAT 662864) and Goyal et al. (US PAT 6466985) taken individually or in combination. Thus, the Applicant believes that these amendments obviate the Examiner's rejections.

Accordingly, the Applicant believes that this application is in condition for allowance and the Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any prescribed fees for these amendment from our company's **Deposit Account No.501832**.

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